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## **Core Knowledge**

### What was life like in Victorian London?

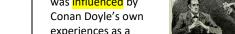
- There was a drastic difference in the quality of life for the rich and poor. This led to social inequality.
- Poor Victorians lived in extreme poverty.
- The population grew rapidly which led to overcrowding. This, and the severe increase in crime, led to the introduction of the Metropolitan Police force.
- The city was polluted and unhygienic. This led to the spread of a disease called cholera. No one knew how this spread until scientist John Snow investigated this. This shows how different methods were used to investigate the cause of diseases.

### Who is Arthur Conan Doyle?

- Sir Arthur Conan Doyle came from an affluent family.
- Before becoming a professional writer, he was a doctor in the army.
- At university, Conan Doyle had a university professor who was able to deduce facts about people just by looking at them.

### How are stories structured?

• Stories establish important details in the exposition, then build tension through a series of shifts before a climax.



- Who are Sherlock Holmes and Doctor John Watson?
- The character of Doctor John Watson was influenced by experiences as a
- doctor in the army. • The character of Sherlock Holmes was influenced by Conan

Doyle's university professor.

• The narrator of the Sherlock Holmes stories is Doctor Watson; they are told from his perspective.

### How was Christmas time celebrated in the Victorian era?

it had become the biggest annual celebration and took on the form we recognise today.

- The industrial revolution of the Victorian era changed the way people celebrate Christmas forever. This allowed the mass manufacture of things like toys and cards, which became much more available to people of all classes.
- Charles Dickens wrote 'A Christmas Carol' in 1843, which encouraged rich Victorians to share their wealth by giving money and gifts to the poor. His novel is credited with helping to spread the traditions of the festival. Its themes of family, charity, goodwill, peace and happiness capture the spirit of the Victorian Christmas, and are very much a part of the Christmas we celebrate today.

### Plot

### A Scandal in Bohemia

The King of Bohemia plans to marry a Norwegian princess. However, he previously had a relationship with a woman called Irene Adler. Adler is threatening to ruin his engagement with a picture she has of herself and the king together, which would cause a scandal. Holmes tricks Adler into revealing where she keeps the photograph, but she outsmarts Holmes and escapes with it. Adler decides not to use the picture against the king. She leaves a picture of herself in its place, which Holmes keeps as a reminder of her.

### The Red-Headed League

Jabez Wilson gets a job with the mysterious 'Red-Headed League' because of his 'flame' coloured hair. One day, he is mysteriously told that he is no longer needed by the league so visits Holmes to ask him to investigate. Holmes discovers that his story reveals a plot to steal from a bank vault which is successfully prevented.

### The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle

A policeman named Peterson is left with a man's hat and Christmas goose. He takes the goose home to eat and discovers a blue carbuncle (a rare, and very valuable jewel) inside the goose. Holmes recognises the jewel as the one that was stolen from The Countess of Morcar. Using the hat as a clue. Holmes and Watson set off to discover how the blue carbuncle was stolen and how it ended up in a goose.

# **Key Vocabulary**

Word	Meaning	Image
characterisation	What a writer makes a character like (as a fictional 'person').	
climax	The point that a story's tension builds up to	
compassionate	Describes someone who shows pity and concern about the suffering or bad luck of other people.	
contempt	A feeling that a person or thing is worthless or beneath you.	Real Providence
establish	To set up an idea.	

exposition	Key background information in a story, usually at the beginning.	
facetious	Describes someone who treats serious issues with deliberately inappropriate humour.	BANTER
hubris	Too much pride or self- confidence.	
ignorance	A lack of knowledge, awareness or education.	
inferior	Not as good or as important as something or someone else.	BAD
justified	Having or done for good reason.	JUSTICE CONTROL
manipulate	To control or influence someone or something unfairly.	
narrator	The person who tells the story.	
patriarchy	A society where men hold the power and women are usually excluded or oppressed.	C R R R R R R R R R R R R R R R R R R R
perspective	How someone sees something; their point of view.	****
protagonist	The main character. They often have heroic characteristics.	
shift	An important change or development in a story.	
structure	The order of events in a story.	**
superior	Better or more important that something or someone else.	-

